as INS Vikramaditya) scheduled to be delivered in 2008, is likely to cost heavily beyond the commitment besides causing abnormal delay in delivery;

(b) if so, whom can this fault be attributed to India or Russia;

(c) how much cost escalation would occur; and

(d) whether the U.S. aircraft carrier USS Nimitz under U.S.-India defence deal, is likely to be decommissioned soon?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (d) The Russian side has submitted a revised Master Schedule indicating a delay in the project and an increase in price for repair and re-equipping of ex-Admiral Gorshkov. The process of the examination of the scope and necessity for additional work projected by Russian side has been initiated.

No verifiable information is available regarding whether USS aircraft carrier Nimitiz is likely to be decommissioned.

Pension to Ex-jawans/ex-servicemen

2527. PROF. P. J. KURIEN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M.Ps.' and M.L.As.' who are completing one term *i.e.* five years, are getting pensions;

(b) whether it is also a fact that ex-jawans/ex-servicemen who have completed upto 14 years are not getting pension;

(c) whether Government considers it an injustice and anomaly;

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(e) the action Government would like to ensure that ex-jawans/ex-servicemen of above five years service also get pension?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI M.M. PALLAM RAJU): (a) As per the 'Salary, Allowances and Pension of Members of Parliament (Amendment) Act, 2006', a pension of Rs. 8,000/- per mensem shall be paid to every person, who has served for any period as a member of the Provisional Parliament or either House of Parliament. The pension of M.L.A.s is regulated by the respective State legislatures details of which are not maintained in the Ministry.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. As per provisions, the minimum qualifying service required to earn service pension is 20 years for Commissioned Officers and 15 years for Personnel Below Officer Rank. No change in the existing policy is presently contemplated by the Government.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. MPs/MLAs and ex-jawans/ex-servicemen belong to different categories. which are not comparable, being governed by separate set of rules.

Establishment of Oceanarium complex and marine theme park

2528. SHRI K.E. ISMAIL: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kerala Government has submitted a project to establish an Oceanarium complex and Marine Theme Park for facilitating and strengthening the advanced research